



# Eagle's Wings

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NIAGARA UNIVERSITY

## FROM THE DIRECTOR...



"Where's the bookstore?" This was the most frequently asked question during the CARE Sessions this past summer, and my guess is that most who asked, found, and bought! As we return to the wonderful world that is Niagara University, we wear purple with pride and excitement. Purple is the color of passion, and we pray that you find what you are passionate about during your years as a student at Niagara. Once found, we urge you to BUY! Give all you have for what you are passionate about; that is the secret of success.

We're happy to see you all; those returning to campus and those who are new this year. But there's a hole in our universe this year. As we begin our programs in Campus Ministry, we do so without the smile and the passion of Fr. Thomas McGourty, CM, who died on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007...



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## LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR

It is so very good to have you back. Hopefully, your summer has filled you with many happy memories as well as refueled your energy tank for the many wonderful adventures waiting for you this year. I am very excited to begin another academic year here at NU because of people like you! I certainly enjoyed the summer. The carefree attitude of the summer is illustrated in my life by the aroma of hot dogs on the grill and sweet potato fries which travels from Mississippi Mudds down the street to my home. Living down the street from the Niagara River is a fun place to be in the summer. Well as nice as the summer was, there is something very life-giving about being a part of the hustle and bustle of student life at NU in a new academic year.



The Gandhi quote on the poster on my office door in lower level Gallagher Center says, "Be the Change you wish to see in the world."

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**"Always be ready to give reason for the hope that is within you..."**  
**I Peter 3:15**

Welcome to Niagara! For those returning, it's great to have you back. For our new students, it's great to have you here. Campus has been too quiet for too long, and I know you'll do something about that right away!

This semester brings new beginnings for all of us: transition to college, a new roommate, or residence hall, and another year toward your degree. It is a time of hope and promise. In Campus Ministry, hope and promise are treasures we share with you every day.

The above scripture quote above was a challenge from Peter to the early Christians: know, live, and share your dreams. Dreams evolve and change, but our hope is grounded on Someone: the person and presence of Jesus Christ. He is the 'reason' for every season; God's love in person.

Campus Ministry is one place where we give reason for our hope by coming to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ and one another. We do it by our many social, spiritual, and service programs that make us hopeful and full of promise. Join us as we share God's hope and promise!

**John Maher, C.M. '76 — University Chaplain**

## PERFECT TIME TO BE HUMAN

A room of your own, fifty pounds of new books, the return of friends not seen, and a chance to start something different. These are the signs of the beginning of the semester, and the start of the university year. Before this transforms into the heavy backpack of responsibilities, leave it all in your room.



Go sit down on the grass somewhere in the middle of the campus and breathe in the air. Remember the feeling of being grounded to a simplicity deeper than yourself. Recall being human, a person before carrying the weight of student, club leader, RA, significant other, friend, career aspirant, caretaker.

Continue to feed yourself the food of life that keeps you grounded. I can help you find a day or weekend or away for reflection, rest, and meaning. For retreat information, come see me in LL Gallagher, right next to Campus Activities office. God Bless you as you begin this year's journey.

**Jerod Sikorskyj, Campus Minister**

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**From the Director**

You may have known him as "Fr. Money" because he was the warm and friendly priest who many of you went to for emergency loans. Fr. McGourty never loaned me anything. What he gave me, he gave me to keep. His faith and good humor inspired me every day, and his love of learning never faded for all of his 81 years.

I wish you the same purple passion for life, for learning and for loving. This newsletter will give you a glimpse at the opportunities available to you to pursue your passion.

From all of us in Campus Ministry, welcome back and best of luck for a wonderfully purple year.

**Sister Nora Gatto, DC**  
**Executive Director**  
**University Mission and Ministry**



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**Monica Saltarelli**

Let these words motivate you in a new creative way to make a difference. Gandhi's message clearly mirrors the example the life of St. Vincent de Paul. He recognized the face of Christ in the poor. Make a concerted effort to become socially aware. Please feel free to stop by and chat with me about the St. Vincent de Paul Society (our service club), Pax Christi –(social action club), BASIC (Brothers And Sisters In Christ) which is our week long service program or simply come by and just share with me what's on your mind. **Mi Casa, Su Casa!** Just so you know, you are one of God's richest blessings! You have a home with Campus Ministry!

**Monica Saltarelli '86,**  
**Campus Minister**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Opening Mass**  
**Tuesday, Sept 11**  
11:05 am  
ULGC

**Fall Retreat**  
September 28-30,  
2007

**Theology on Tap**  
October 3, 2007

**Spring B.A.S.I.C.**  
**Service Trips**  
January 4-14, 2008

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**Weddings & Baptisms**



Please contact the Chaplain,  
Fr. John Maher, C.M. at 286-8415 or  
[jmaher@niagara.edu](mailto:jmaher@niagara.edu) to schedule  
a Wedding or Baptism in Alumni Chapel.

**Weekday Mass Schedule**  
**Fall 07 - Spring 08**



Weekday Masses are held when classes are in session  
from **Aug 24 - Dec 14** and **Jan 15 - May 10**  
on the following days and times:

**Mon, Wed & Fri**      **12:15 PM**  
**Tues & Thurs**      **12:35 PM**

Mass intentions are accepted for each  
mass. Kindly contact the Campus Ministry  
Office at 286-8400 to make arrangements.

**Alumni Chapel Mass Times**

**Sunday**  
11:00 a.m.  
4:30 p.m.  
10:00 p.m.

**Weekday**  
M, W, F 12:15 p.m.  
Tu, Th 12:35 p.m.

**Opening Mass for**  
**Niagara University**

Tuesday, September 11th  
11:05 a.m.  
Upper Level Gallagher Center

Vincenian Heritage  
Convocation  
Thursday, September 27th  
*Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul*  
Alumni Chapel 4 p.m.